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Auditor slams hiring practices

Lalonde calls for more accountability for city managers

By **TIM WIECLAWSKI**
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Ottawa's auditor general is calling for more oversight of city managers' activities after his latest examination of city hall's inner workings uncovered concerns about hiring practices.

"The city should have their central services really monitoring the activities of managers," city auditor general Alain Lalonde said yesterday in presenting his report.

"We have found for the last three years, areas where somebody should have (overseen) the activities of the manager."

Increased accountability for managers was a central recommendation of the report yesterday that also called the city to task for development fees, employee abuse of municipal vehicles and its communication with residents through the 3-1-1 information line, among other things.

In regards to hiring, Lalonde said an examination of city hall staffing practices found 13 per cent of a sample of 50 people hired by Ottawa did not meet basic qualifications for their jobs.

And the audit turned up one case of a relative of a manager, who had been screened out for a position, being later placed into the pool of candidates. That candidate then performed poorly during the interview but was hired anyway.

Lalonde said there should be a strong monitoring process of managers to prevent this.

City manager Kent Kirkpatrick said he agreed with the majority of Lalonde's recommendations, but on the oversight issue he said managers must be free to perform their duties.

"It goes with the concept of letting managers manage," he said. "The trick is to delegate authority down into the organization to the level that decisions are made and allowing authority with responsibility."

While the incidents are not a reflection of the department, Mayor Larry O'Brien said managers should be embarrassed when they happen.

"The whole area of staffing and employee services is very concerning. If we have an area of the city that really does need to be focused on as clearly needing improvement over the next 12 months, it would be that area." *-tim.wieclawski@metronews.ca*

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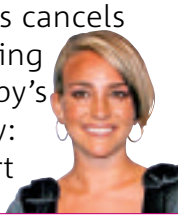

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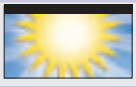

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Canada offers apology

Prime Minister Stephen Harper, left, and other MPs applaud after National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations Phil Fontaine spoke in the House of Commons yesterday. Seeking to close one of the darkest chapters in its history, the federal government formally apologized yesterday for forcing 150,000 Aboriginal children into grim residential schools, where many say they were abused. **Story, page 6.**

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SOURCE: NATIONAL CAPITAL COMMISSION

Charges upgraded

Husband facing second-degree murder charges

By **TRACEY TONG**
Metro Ottawa

A man accused in the death of his wife earlier this week is now facing second-degree murder charges.

Ottawa Police upgraded charges against Demetrios Angelis, 38, from manslaughter to second-degree murder yesterday, citing "enough evidence to satisfy the definition of second-degree murder," according to Ottawa Police Const. Jean-Paul Vincelette.

He did not say what evidence led investigators to upgrade the charges.

On Sunday, police responding to a 9-1-1 call at 30 McEwen Ave. discovered the body of Lien Angelis, 42. The incident was Ottawa's fifth homicide of the year.

Angelis appeared briefly in video remand court yesterday. The suspect, dressed in an orange prison-issued jumpsuit, kept his head down and only spoke in response to the judge. He addressed the judge as "sir" and thanked him before leaving.

The case was adjourned until June 18.

Outside the courthouse, defence attorney Jean-Marc Chenier, who represents Angelis, said he had only learned of the new charge against his client hours before the appearance and had not yet received the disclosure.

While he didn't have information about why the charges have been laid, he said his client is "devastated, obviously" about the whole incident.

"He's very worried about his children," said Chenier. "He hasn't seen them since the weekend."

He confirmed that Angelis, who is being held at the Ottawa-Carleton Detention Centre on Innes Road, had suffered injuries, including "a lot of facial scratches and injuries to other parts of his body."

Angelis intends on seeking bail, he said.

Chenier said his client and the deceased were going through a divorce, but said he didn't have any more information.

The couple's children are now in custody of Children's Aid Society.

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intent

» Manslaughter is committed without the intention to kill or cause bodily harm, while second-degree murder is committed with the intention to kill or cause harm.

City 'not always' economical

Recommendations follow audit release

By **TIM WIECLAWSKI**
Metro Ottawa

« We're not always looking for the most economical way to achieve things.»
Auditor general Alain Lalonde

Despite a cost efficiency mantra over the last 19 months, the city's auditor general's annual report reveals Ottawa is still wasting money in several areas.

"We're not always looking for the most economical way to achieve things," auditor general Alain Lalonde said yesterday after releasing his annual report of 23 audits undertaken in the last year.

"Do we have the reflex to really save all the money we can?"

One audit revealed the city lost out on more than $4 million in development fees last year. Other audits revealed losses and cost overruns in the following areas:

- The city's protocol office went over budget by $389,000;
- The city spent $40,000 to repair a line-marker vehicle that was then sold for $32,000;
- The city is incurring unnecessary cost by not taking advantage of manufacturers' warranties.

City manager Kent Kirkpatrick agreed with "85 per cent" of 300 recommendations made by the auditor general. However, the two clashed over the merit of paying a headhunting firm $282,223 to recruit four senior managers who were already known to the city.

"These are among the most important decisions that management makes and spending the money on an executive recruitment firm is absolutely a good investment," Kirkpatrick said.

Mayor Larry O,Brien sided with Lalonde, however, saying only the most senior positions should involve recruitment firms.

"You do want to engage a professional service when you are looking at replacing a police chief," he said. "But when it gets down to operations, it is highly unusual to get a headhunter to confirm a position was justified by the managers."

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LPGA pro visit **Pre-tournament tour**

TIM WIECLAWSKI/METRO OTTAWA

LPGA pros Brittany Lincicome, ranked 32nd in the world, and top-ranked Canadian golfer Alena Sharp visit the Ottawa Hunt and Golf Club yesterday for a pre-tournament tour in advance of the 2008 CN Canadian Women's Open that will be staged there starting on Aug. 11.

»news In Brief

» **TRANSIT** O-Train service was back to normal yesterday after two days of delayed service. O-Trains returned to a 15-minute service schedule with two operational train sets. Two of the city's three trains had been sidelined for repairs and the O-Train had been running a single train since Monday evening. The transit union had suggested this week that repairs could take more than a month, though the schedule was restored today.

» **TIPS** Public tips in relation to a woman found beaten to death earlier this month have poured in to police, but there are still no suspects in the case. After receiving 40 tips, police located several persons of interest in the death of Pamela Kosmack, 39, and interviewed them. Kosmack's body was found on June 4 just off a bike path near Britannia Park. The homicide was one of three in the city over eight days and the fourth of 2008. The Major Crime section is actively searching for further witnesses.

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Friendship first at Franco-Ontarien

Fest urges French, English speakers to party together

By **TRACEY TONG**
Metro Ottawa

The event may focus on the best of Francophone culture, but in its 33rd year, organizers of the area's Franco-Ontarien Festival are urging Anglophones to come out as well.

Events like Le Festival Franco-Ontarien promote communication and understanding between the area's French and English-speaking population, said the festival's director of communications, Melany Gauvin.

"That's why we should not only let English-speakers know about the festival, but invite them as well. We live together in the city. We should also party together."

> « *Even if you don't understand the words, you can still enjoy the music and the rhythm.* »
>
> *Le Festival Franco-Ontarien's Melany Gauvin*

Expected to attract approximately 50,000 people, the three-day festival, which starts today at city hall's Festival Plaza, has something for everyone — Francophones, Francophiles and Anglophones alike.

As in other years, the focus will be on music. "Even if you don't understand the words, you can still enjoy the music and the rhythm," Gauvin said.

"That's universal."

Tonight's main act features performances from around the world, including Nicola Ciccone, Andrea Lindsay and Luck Mervil.

Friday's show is a tribute to the 400th anniversary of Quebec City, featuring singers from Quebec.

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, children's entertainment takes centre stage with face painting, a performance by Mini TFO and Arthur the Adventurer.

The musical highlight of the weekend is Mes Aieux, a "lively and popular show" which includes folk, rap, disco, bossa nova and French song, performing at 9:15 p.m.

Featuring professional and amateur acts, the street carnival starts at 4:30 p.m. Saturday at the University of Ottawa and makes its way through the ByWard Market, culminating at the festival site at 6 p.m.

The festival runs through Saturday.

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Deaths wake-up call, shelter workers say

By **TRACEY TONG**
Metro Ottawa

The recent deaths of three Ottawa women — two at the hands of former partners — in the span of eight days should draw immediate attention to the longstanding problem of violence against women, workers at city shelters say.

"It's devastating," Lula Adam, a public education co-ordinator for the Interval House of Ottawa said of the tragedies. "But it had to take three women for people to turn around and go, 'there's a problem.' One woman dying is unnecessary and it should be stopped."

> « *It had to take three women for people to turn around and go, 'there's a problem.'* »
>
> *Interval House of Ottawa's Lula Adam*

Lien Angelis, 42, was found dead in her apartment at 509-30 McEwen Avenue on Sunday afternoon. Her husband, Demetrios Angelis, 38, was charged in her death.

On June 4, the badly beaten body of Pamela Kosmack, 39, was found beside a city bike path near Britannia Park.

And on May 31, Alicia Bateman, 28, was strangled to death in her Orleans home, allegedly by her former fiancé, Ryan Sawchuk, who then killed himself.

Violence against women isn't just about these three incidents, said Adam.

"It's an ongoing problem. We need to use this as a momentum to move forward and make a difference," she said.

Women need to know that they are safe in the community, said Cornerstone Women's Shelter Director Sue Garvey.

"We need to make sure we have legislation, enforcement and a community that wants to do something about it," Garvey said.

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» **ARRESTED** Police have identified, arrested and charged an armed robbery suspect after receiving a tip from the public. Police asked for the public's assistance in identifying a suspect in relation to a robbery at a Quizno's restaurant on May 26. Derek Wensink, 21, of Ottawa, appears in court today. METRO OTTAWA

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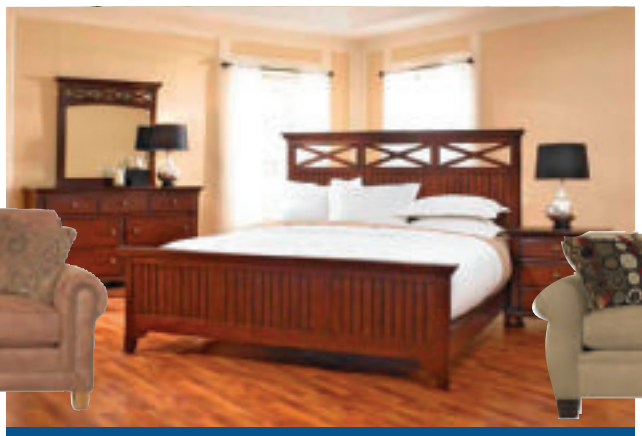

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Brian Mulroney, left, once again refused to testify before the Commons ethics committee in the probe into his financial dealings with international arms lobbyist Karlheinz Schreiber. METRO NEWS SERVICES

MP questions compensation

On same day Ottawa offered an historic apology to aboriginals for the residential school legacy, a Tory MP openly questioned whether the government was getting "value" from the $4 billion it had earmarked as compensation to the survivors.

In an interview with a radio talk show yesterday, Conservative MP Pierre Poilievre (Nepean–Carleton) questioned the native leadership and the level of federal funding directed towards native programs across the country.

taped

» A tape of the broadcast was distributed to the media yesterday by the federal Liberals. His remarks are certain to spark opposition questions in the Commons today.

"That gets to the heart of the problem on these reserves, there's too much power concentrated in the hands of the leadership and it makes you wonder where all of this money is going," Poilievre told Ottawa's CFRA.

"We spent $10 billion, $10 billion, in annual spending this year alone . . . that is an exceptional amount of money," he said.

He stressed that the government funding is on top of the resource revenues and royalties that band councils collect for the natural resources on their lands. "That is an incredible amount of money." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Harper offers historic apology

Native leaders express hope for new era relations

Prime Minister Stephen Harper addressed one of the darkest chapters in Canada's history yesterday as he formally apologized for forcing 150,000 aboriginal children into grim residential schools, where many say they were sexually and physically abused.

Harper told a Parliamentary chamber packed with legislators and aboriginal representatives that there could be no excuses for what happened at the church-run schools, which operated from the 1870s to the 1970s.

"The government of Canada sincerely apologizes and asks the forgiveness of the aboriginal peoples of this country for failing them so profoundly. We are sorry," Harper said in a 15-minute address, at one point fighting back tears.

CHRIS WATTIE/REUTERS

Prime Minister Stephen Harper issues an apology to aboriginals in the House of Commons on Parliament Hill yesterday. Harper received a lengthy standing ovation when he concluded his speech.

Native leaders said they hoped the apology would lead to a new era of reconciliation between Canadians and the often marginalized aboriginal population, which routinely suffers from poor living conditions and high unemployment.

The residential schools were initially set up to educate native children but later became part of a government campaign to assimilate aboriginals and eradicate their culture — "to kill the Indian in the child", as some put it at the time.

"There is no place in Canada for the attitudes that inspired the Indian residential schools system to ever again prevail," Harper said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

quotes from the day

» "It has taken extraordinary courage for the thousands of survivors that have come forward to speak publicly about the abuse they suffered." — Stephen Harper

» "It is possible to end our racial nightmare together. The memories of residential schools sometimes cut like merciless knives at our souls. This day will help us to put that pain behind us." — Phil Fontaine, head of the Assembly of First Nations

» "For too long, Canadian governments chose denial over truth. And when confronted with the weight of truth, chose silence." — Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion

» "This apology must not be the end. It must be the beginning...Even as we speak here today, thousands of Aboriginal children are without schools, clean water, adequate food, their own bed, good health care, safety, comfort, land and rights" — NDP Leader Jack Layton

Premier backs Young People F---king

Controversial movie earns surprising support

The controversial new Canadian movie Young People F---ing has an improbable champion in Premier Dalton McGuinty.

While McGuinty admitted he was "not familiar" with the romantic comedy that opens nationwide tomorrow, he defended the fact it qualified for and received an Ontario film tax credit.

McGuinty

The premier also took a swipe at the federal Conservative government's proposed legislation, Bill C-10, that threatens to strip such tax credits from movies that Ottawa deems offensive. "I'm not particularly in favour of getting involved in censoring various artistic endeavours," he said told reporters yesterday.

Young People F---ing's producer Steven Hoban praised the premier's stance, saying he was "really happy" to hear McGuinty's support when it comes to film tax credits. The movie has received a $120,000 federal tax credit and an $80,000 provincial credit. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Quebec Michaëlle Jean

MATHIEU BELANGER/REUTERS

Chile's President Michelle Bachelet, right, and Governor General Michaëlle Jean speak at the Citadelle before a meeting in Quebec City, yesterday. Canada and Chile are working towards creating greater economic relationships between the countries.

»news In Brief

» **NUCLEAR** Ontarians should brace themselves for sticker shock when they see the price of tag for new nuclear reactors, Premier Dalton McGuinty suggests. While the province's electricity supply plan estimates the cost of new and refurbished reactors at $26.3 billion over the next 20 years, there's no way of pinpointing the new reactor cost he says.

» **BOOZE** Alcohol abuse is costing you $463 a year, whether you drink or not. Between the strain on the country's medical system, law enforcement organizations, and job productivity, avoidable alcohol-related expenses cost the Canadian economy roughly $14.5 billion a year. Using Statistics Canada's population estimate for 2002, that works out to $463 per person

» **AFGHAN** Canada will have to extend its military mission in Afghanistan past 2011, must deploy 4,000 more troops to Kandahar and should be open to talking to the Taliban, a Senate defence committee suggested yesterday. METRO NEWS SERVICES

world

Tests in Japan have show that oil produced from the shell of the cashew nut may slash by 90 per cent the methane emissions from belching cattle when mixed as an additive to feed, a spokesman for oil refiner Idemitsu Kosan Co. said yesterday. REUTERS

Top secret file forgotten on train

U.K. intelligence official causes security breach

One of Britain's top intelligence officials left a file with secret documents about Iraq and al Qaeda on a train, in an embarrassing government security breach that was exposed yesterday.

A passenger found the orange folder on a train and handed it in to the BBC, which said it contained top secret documents on Iraq and al Qaeda.

The Cabinet Office, the central government department that supports the work of Prime Minister Gordon Brown, acknowledged the incident and said it had called in a police investigation.

embarrassing leak

» Government sources suggested that the leak was embarrassing but would not hurt Britain's security.

» But the news will hurt PM Gordon Brown, who has already been stung by accusations of lax security

"The documents were secret. They were in the possession of a senior intelligence official who works in the Cabinet Office. They were lost on a train," a Cabinet Office spokesman said.

"They were retrieved by a member of the public who handed them to the BBC," he said. "When the official realised what had happened, he reported it immediately to the Cabinet Office. We called the police in and they launched an investigation."

A police spokeswoman confirmed that the counter-terrorism command of London's police force was carrying out the probe.

The Cabinet Office declined to comment on the contents of the missing file. But the BBC said they contained two reports, one on Iraq's security forces and one on al Qaeda. REUTERS

Bruni to release album #3

French first lady sings of lovers, drugs on album

France's first lady Carla Bruni-Sarkozy sings of 30 lovers and hard drugs on a new album that she insists was not inspired by her whirlwind romance and marriage to President Nicolas Sarkozy.

Top French newspaper Le Figaro said the distinctive melodies and bold lyrics on Bruni's Comme si de rien n'etait (As if nothing had happened), her first album since she wed Sarkozy, were a new departure from plain folk and a musical success.

Le Figaro critic Bertrand Dicale said in his review that the album — which is due out on July 21 — shows Bruni coming of age as a songstress and embracing more recognisably French styles and the flamboyance of the 1960s.

"I am a child despite my 40 years and 30 lovers," Bruni sings in the song Une Enfant (A Child), according to Dicale who said it was one of the best on the album.

In another song entitled "You are my Drug," Bruni sings: "You are my drug. More lethal than heroin from Afghanistan and more dangerous than Colombian cocaine."

REUTERS FILE PHOTO

File shot of ex-model Carla Bruni from March 2007, when her song those Dancing Days Are Gone registered at No. 4 in France. Bruni will release her third album July 21.

Bruni has repeatedly said she wrote the songs before meeting Sarkozy, so listeners should not look to the lyrics for clues about her feelings for the French president. REUTERS

Record hashish bust in Kandahar

Afghan police have seized 237 tons of hashish in what NATO-led forces and the British government called the biggest narcotics haul in history.

The cannabis product had an estimated wholesale value of $400 million, a statement by the NATO-led ISAF force said yesterday.

It was found in a series of trenches in southern Kandahar province, near the Pakistan border, which were then set on fire. One ton is about the weight of a small family car.

"With this single find, they (the police) have seriously crippled the Taliban's ability to purchase weapons...," said General David McKiernan, commander of ISAF, the International Security Assistance Force.

The ISAF statement said police had also seized about 5.1 tons of opium, with an estimated value of $30 million, and arrested 13 drug dealers in Helmand province. REUTERS

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» **INCEST** The eldest child of an incestuous relationship between Austrian Josef Fritzl and the daughter he confined for 24 years has been reunited with her family after recovering from an artificial coma, doctors said. Doctors also said yesterday the whole family — Fritzl's daughter Elisabeth and the six surviving of seven children she bore him while locked in a cellar — had been moved into a house on hospital premises to promote a normal living environment.

» **POLITICS** The chief of Barack Obama's search for a vice presidential running mate stepped down from that role yesterday over questions about loans he received from a company involved in the U.S. housing crisis.

» **ARREST** Serbia arrested a top Bosnian Serb war crimes fugitive, Bosnian Serb security chief Stojan Zupljanin, 56, yesterday, and will hand him to the UN tribunal in The Hague, earning praise from the EU and the U.S.

» **NUCLEAR** The U.S. warned a defiant Iran yesterday that "all options are on the table" to thwart its nuclear ambitions and the EU's top diplomat prepared to travel to Tehran in the latest bid to resolve the dispute.

» **HEALTH** U.S. health officials said yesterday they are still receiving reports of people falling ill from eating Salmonella-tainted tomatoes and that they now have 167 reported cases from 17 states. REUTERS

»news In Brief

» **CRASH** A Sudanese airliner coming from Amman and Damascus burst into flames after landing in Khartoum on Tuesday night, killing at least 30 of the 214 people on board, officials and witnesses said yesterday. At least 178 passengers and crew escaped the burning Sudan Airways plane and survived, while six others were still missing, the airline's general manager Abdullah Idris said late yesterday.

» **AIR STRIKE** Pakistan does not view a U.S. air strike that killed 11 Pakistani soldiers at a border post near Afghanistan as an intentional hostile act, Husain Haqqani, Pakistan's ambassador to the United States, said yesterday.

» **MEXICO** Floods in central and southern Mexico killed five people including a four-year-old girl and a U.S. tourist, rescue workers said yesterday. Around 7,000 people were evacuated in the southern state of Oaxaca, where the U.S. tourist drowned in fierce waves off a Pacific coast beach, a state civil protection official said.

» **COURT** Steven Lee Olson, 49, a New Jersey truck driver who admitted stealing the Francisco de Goya painting Children With A Cart while it was in transit to a museum in New York was sentenced yesterday to five years in prison. REUTERS

Stars out for Obama

Celebrities could offer edge during U.S. election

DENIS SINYAKOV/REUTERS

Jennifer Lopez is shown at the recent MUZ TV music awards in Moscow. Lopez created a buzz earlier this week when she visited Barack Obama's office on Capitol Hill in Washington.

She hid behind giant sunglasses, but the unannounced Capitol Hill visit by Jennifer Lopez this week still drew a huge crowd.

It wasn't just her black cocktail dress in the sea of dark suits, it was also her destination — Barack Obama's office.

It may ultimately have no impact in the presidential election this November, but the JLo visit underscores the fact that Democrat Obama is winning the image war against presumptive Republican nominee John McCain when it comes to star power, particularly of the beautiful young female type.

The rumour mill immediately spun with suggestions the singer and actress was planning to record a song for Obama, even though official word was that she was discussing health and education issues with the Illinois senator's staff while he was campaigning.

Her visit came on the heels of word from The Politico that actor Scarlett Johansson, who once gushed, "My heart belongs to Barack," is one of Obama's biggest e-mail buddies.

New mom Jessica Alba, who plays a fictional Toronto Maple Leafs owner in the new Mike Myers film, The Love Guru, is squarely in the Obama camp, along with the likes of Jennifer Aniston and Halle Berry.

Rising star Jessica Biel has appeared in a video and at a Los Angeles event for Obama.

Democrats can face a backlash if they are seen to close to Hollywood, and there have been reports Oprah Winfrey lost viewers for her backing of Obama.

If nothing else, this influx of "Hollywood hotties" for Obama should help the Democrat with the Maxim magazine constituency of young males. In its current list of 100 most beautiful women, Johansson is second while Alba ranks 34th. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Rich nations failing to take climate lead: UN official

Industrialized nations are failing to lead enough at UN climate talks in Bonn even as developing states are showing interest in a new global warming treaty, the UN's top climate official said yesterday.

Yvo de Boer also predicted U.S. climate policy would be more ambitious under either Democrat Barack Obama or Republican John McCain, the two main candidates to succeed President George W. Bush from January 2009.

"We're not at the moment seeing the leadership from industrialized countries, which I think is essential," de Boer said at the June 2-13 climate talks. REUTERS

oil prices

» De Boer said soaring oil prices were maintaining interest in renewable energy and curbing use of fossil fuels.

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Canadians still pay more

Prices 18% higher than in U.S.: Study

Retail prices in Canada, from cars to video games and books, remain 18 per cent higher than the U.S. despite the loonie's meteoric rise to parity with the greenback last fall, according to the latest study by Doug Porter, deputy chief economist at BMO Capital Markets

While that's down from the 24 per cent price gap seen a year ago, it's still "extraordinarily large," Porter said in the report called "Uh, oh… the Price is Still wrong."

Meanwhile, Canadian retailers' profit margins are soaring, thanks in part to the higher dollar and cheap Asian imports, an earlier report by National Bank Financial shows. Retail profit margins hit a record high of 4.3 per cent in the first three months of this year, and are up 16 per cent over last year.

It seems retailers dropped prices just far enough last fall to "staunch a wave of cross-border shopping," Porter said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Space flight **Brin wants in**

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Eric Anderson, president and chief executive officer of Space Adventures announces in New York yesterday that Google co-founder Sergey Brin has made a $5 million US down payment to book a seat on a future private space flight. Previously Space Adventures has bought seats on Russian space agency missions to the orbiting ISS. It now plans to build its own Soyuz rocket for private missions.

GM wants $1.5M from CAW

General Motors of Canada is seeking $1.5 million in damages from the Canadian Auto Workers union and is seeking an injunction against the union's blockade of its Oshawa, Ont., headquarters, court documents showed.

GM filed a notice of action with the Ontario Superior Court of Justice against CAW Local 222 and five of its members Tuesday.

The union's blockade has prevented anyone from entering the headquarters for eight days now. Union members set up the blockade after GM announced last week it would close its Oshawa truck plant in 2009, with up to 2,600 workers losing their jobs. REUTERS

»news In Brief

» **COPYRIGHT** The federal government said yesterday it will introduce a bill in Parliament today to overhaul the country's copyright law. Experts have speculated that the Conservative government will bow to U.S. pressure to crack down on copying of digital material with what they call draconian restrictions written into the law.

» **CEO QUITS** Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia Chief Executive Susan Lyne is stepping down after nearly four years. The former head of entertainment at television network ABC, Lyne joined the company in 2004 while Stewart served a five-month prison sentence over a suspicious stock sale. Stewart, 66, was barred from serving as a corporate officer with financial reporting for five years under a settlement with U.S. securities regulators. REUTERS

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The Stanley Cup champion Detroit Red Wings have agreed to a new three-year contract with head coach Mike Babcock, left. The Wings have won 50-or-more games in each of their three seasons under Babcock. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Portugal playoff bound

Turkey eliminates unlucky Switzerland

EURO2008

Portugal became the first team into the Euro 2008 quarter-finals while co-hosts Switzerland went out in heart-breaking circumstances after two action-packed Group A matches yesterday.

Portugal, the 2004 runners-up, beat Czech Republic 3-1 in a hugely entertaining game in Geneva while Turkey snatched an injury-time 2-1 win over Switzerland in Basel, where torrential rain left first-half playing conditions almost farcical.

Portugal now have six points from their first two matches and are guaranteed to top the group regardless of what happens in their final game against Switzerland on Sunday.

The Czechs and Turkey each have three and meet in their last game — a winner-takes-all battle for second place which, for the first time in a major tournament group phase, will go to penalties if it ends level.

Yesterday's opening game was another classic and also featured the first equalizer of the tournament when Libor Sionko's diving header for the Czechs cancelled out Deco's opener in a high-tempo first half.

Portugal pressed on after the break and got the vital second with a sweetly-struck shot by Ronaldo after 63 minutes, Ricardo Quaresma rounding it off with an injury-time breakaway.

"We created a lot of chances and played as a unit. If we keep on playing like that we've got a good chance of doing well in this tournament," said Ronaldo, the man of the match.

The last time Switzerland and Turkey met, in a World Cup qualifying playoff in 2005 in Istanbul, the match finished with a Swiss success and a touchline brawl.

This time it was the Swiss who suffered a devastating body blow when Arda Turan cut inside two defenders to score a 92nd minute winner that changed everything in the group.

It had been looking good for Switzerland when Hakan Yakin put them ahead in the first half, showing admirable patience as a pass from Eren Derdiyok stopped first in a goalmouth puddle.

The equalizer came via a header from halftime substitute Semih Senturk to set up a furious last half-hour as both teams, aware that a draw was little use to either, poured forward until Turan's decisive intervention.

The games maintained the positive start to the competition on and off the pitch that has delighted UEFA officials.

"We've seen some great football, with some exciting action," said UEFA president Michel Platini.

"We have seen a spectacular decrease in the number of yellow and red cards. No red cards have been shown and the number of yellow cards is down by 40 per cent compared with Euro 2004." REUTERS

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Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo, right, celebrates his goal with teammates Pepe, left, and Armando Petit during their Euro 2008 Group A match against Czech Republic yesterday in Geneva.

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BOSTON VS. L.A. LAKERS
Game 3 — Tuesday
L.A. Lakers 87 Boston 81
Game 4 — Tonight
Boston at L.A. Lakers, 9
Game 5 — Sunday
Boston at L.A. Lakers, 9
Game 6 — Tuesday
*L.A. Lakers at Boston, 9
Game 7 — Thursday, June 19
*L.A. Lakers at Boston, 9
(Boston leads series 2-1)
(* – if necessary)

MLB

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Boston 6 Baltimore 3
Detroit 5 Chicago White Sox 1
L.A. Angels 4 Tampa Bay 2
Minnesota 8 Cleveland 5
Seattle 2 Toronto 1
Texas at Kansas City
N.Y. Yankees at Oakland
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Florida 6 Philadelphia 2
Pittsburgh 3 Washington 1
St. Louis 10 Cincinnati 0
N.Y. Mets 5 Arizona 3 (13 ings)
Chicago Cubs 7 Atlanta 2
Milwaukee at Houston
San Francisco at Colorado
L.A. Dodgers at San Diego
TODAY'S GAMES
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Chicago White Sox at Detroit, 1:05
Texas at Kansas City, 2:10
Baltimore at Boston, 6:05
Minnesota at Cleveland, 7:05
N.Y. Yankees at Oakland, 10:05
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Washington at Pittsburgh, 12:35
Arizona at N.Y. Mets, 1:10
Milwaukee at Houston, 2:05
Atlanta at Chicago Cubs, 2:20
San Francisco at Colorado, 3:05
L.A. Dodgers at San Diego, 3:35
Philadelphia at Florida, 7:10
St. Louis at Cincinnati, 7:10

CFL

PRE-SEASON
TONIGHT'S GAMES
Toronto at Montreal, 7
Winnipeg at Hamilton, 7
TOMORROW'S GAMES
B.C. at Saskatchewan, 9
Edmonton at Calgary, 9

EURO 2008

GROUP A

	W	L	T	GF	GA	PT
X-Portugal	2	0	0	5	1	6
Czech Rep.	1	1	0	2	3	3
Turkey	1	1	0	2	3	3
Switzerland	0	2	0	1	3	0

GROUP B

	W	L	T	GF	GA	PT
Germany	1	0	0	2	0	3
Croatia	1	0	0	1	0	3
Austria	0	1	0	0	1	0
Poland	0	1	0	0	2	0

GROUP C

	W	L	T	GF	GA	PT
Netherlands	1	0	0	3	0	3
France	0	0	1	0	0	1
Romania	0	0	1	0	0	1
Italy	0	1	0	0	3	0

GROUP D

	W	L	T	GF	GA	PT
Spain	1	0	0	4	1	3
Sweden	1	0	0	2	0	3
Greece	0	1	0	0	2	0
Russia	0	1	0	1	4	0

(X - clinched quarter-final spot)
YESTERDAY'S RESULTS
Portugal 3 Czech Republic 1
Turkey 2 Switzerland 1
TODAY'S GAMES
Croatia vs. Germany, 12
Austria vs. Poland, 2:45

BASEBALL

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Woods, Mickelson ready for U.S. Open showdown

U.S. Open fans are set for a mouth-watering duel between Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson over the next four days at Torrey Pines in San Diego where the biggest talking point has been the state of Woods' left knee.

The world No. 1 has not walked 18 holes since having surgery two months ago but remains heavy favourite to win his 14th major title on a course he has played countless times since his youth.

Woods has clinched the PGA Tour's Buick Invitational staged at this course for the last four years, and a record six times overall.

Although the set-up of the South Course is a little different with the U.S. Open featuring its traditional tight fairways, graduated rough and slick greens, Woods' comfort factor will still apply.

Mickelson

Asked earlier this week about the condition of his knee, the 32-year-old replied: "I'm good to go. I plan on playing competitive. Come game time on Thursday, I'll be ready."

Woods is scheduled to tee off today's opening round in a high-profile grouping with world No. 2 Mickelson and third-ranked Adam Scott of Australia.

Mickelson, like Woods, has been a regular visitor to Torrey Pines since his junior days and, as a resident of nearby Rancho Santa Fe, will attract huge support.

"Winning this tournament would be something that would help define my career," Mickelson said. REUTERS

NHL

McLellan hired as new Sharks coach

JOBS The San Jose Sharks have named Detroit Red Wings assistant Todd McLellan their new head coach.

McLellan will be formally introduced during a press conference today.

Before joining the Red Wings, the 40-year-old McLellan spent four seasons as head coach of the Houston Aeros in the American Hockey League.

NHL

Linden retires after 19 seasons

JOBS Vancouver Canucks winger Trevor Linden announced yesterday he's decided to hang up his skates.

Vancouver selected Linden second overall in the 1988 NHL draft and he spent 16 of his 19 seasons in the NHL with the Canucks. The forward, who scored 375 goals and added 492 assists, also played for Montreal, Washington and the New York Islanders.

baseball

Rapidz rally for victory over Rox

TRIUMPH The Ottawa Rapidz rallied with two runs in the top of the seventh inning to erase a 4-3 deficit and defeat the Brockton Rox 5-4 yesterday in Can-Am Baseball League action.

Left-fielder Jereme Milons led the way offensively for the Rapidz going 3-for-5 with a RBI.

NBA

Rondo sits out due to sore ankle

INJURIES Boston Celtics point guard Rajon Rondo didn't practice yesterday, one day after leaving Game 3 of the NBA Finals against the Los Angeles Lakers with an injury to his left ankle.

Rondo said he hopes to play tonight as the Celtics look to take a 3-1 stranglehold in the best-of-seven series. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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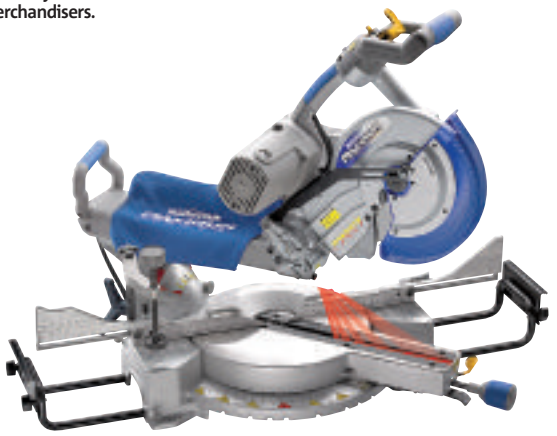

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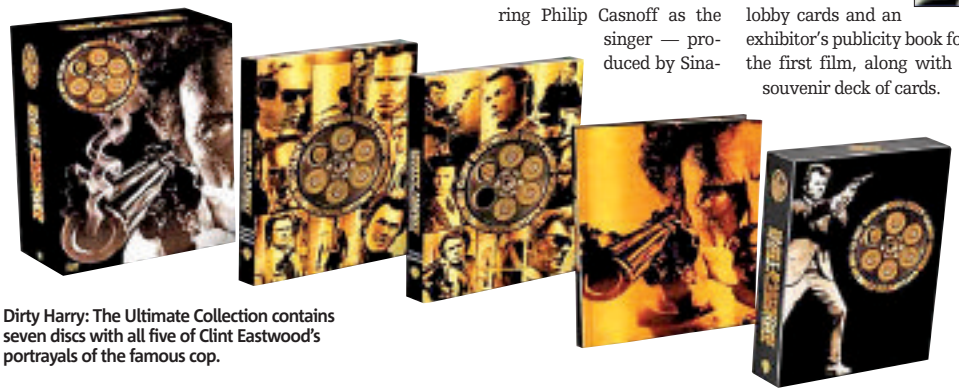
DVDs great for Dad

By **RICK McGINNIS**
for Metro Ottawa

Just as Mother's Day is presaged by a torrent of romantic comedies and Halloween by the release of ever-more-obscure horror films from the vaults of the studios, the lead-up to Father's Day usually involves an avalanche of war films and westerns on DVD. This year, however, there have been a few wrinkles in the DVD prelude to Father's Day — a day that Dad is obviously supposed to spend on the couch watching tanks crash through hedgerows and bad guys go down gut-shot.

Top of the shopping list is Warner's **Dirty Harry: The Ultimate Collection** — seven discs collecting all five of Clint Eastwood's portrayals of the cop who never heard of Miranda rights. Warner's deluxe set comes with a little hardcover book, a map of the Harry's pursuit of the Scorpio Killer through San Francisco in the first film, a collection of facsimiles of studio paperwork on the series, and a little toy Harry Callaghan badge for Dad to use if he wants mom to do her best Sondra Locke after the kids are in bed.

Warner's also has a hell of a Frank Sinatra reissue program to draw on for Father's Day DVD gifts. **Sinatra**, the award-winning miniseries biopic of Sinatra's life starring Philip Casnoff as the singer — produced by Sinatra's daughter Tina — is a fond look at the singer with only a few of the famous warts on display. The wedding cake of the box sets is the **Rat Pack Ultimate Collector's Edition**, which brings together the original Ocean's 11 with its three successively less swinging follow-ups — **Robin And The 7 Hoods**, **4 For Texas** and **Sergeants 3** — with a collection of facsimile promo photos, lobby cards and an exhibitor's publicity book for the first film, along with a souvenir deck of cards.



Dirty Harry: The Ultimate Collection contains seven discs with all five of Clint Eastwood's portrayals of the famous cop.

Less lavish — but probably more basically watchable — is the three-disc set collecting the films Sinatra made with Gene Kelly (**On The Town**, **Take Me Out To The Ball Game** and **Anchors Aweigh**). **Frank Sinatra: The Golden Years** brings together five films Sinatra made during his post-comeback pinnacle in the '50s and early '60s, including **The Man With The Golden Arm** and **Some Came Running**. **Frank Sinatra: The Early Years** does the same thing for Skinny Frankie in the '40s, with titles like **It Happened In Brooklyn** and **Step Lively**.

Finally, if Dad's managed to get a Blu-ray player, MGM has a quintet of war films out in high-def. **Patton**, **The Longest Day** and **The Sand Pebbles** all duplicate their regular DVD special editions, with bonus features on an extra disc for the first two titles, and Dad will probably experience shell shock after seeing these old favourites in HD. The discs of **The Battle Of Britain** and **A Bridge Too Far** come bare bones, however, without any special features, which means Dad will probably want to keep his DVD versions.

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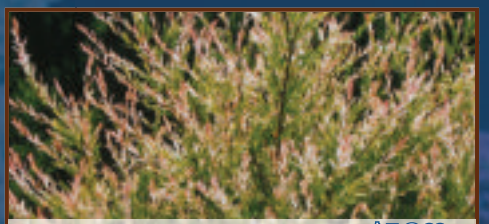
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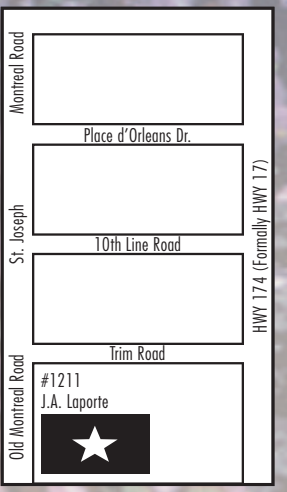

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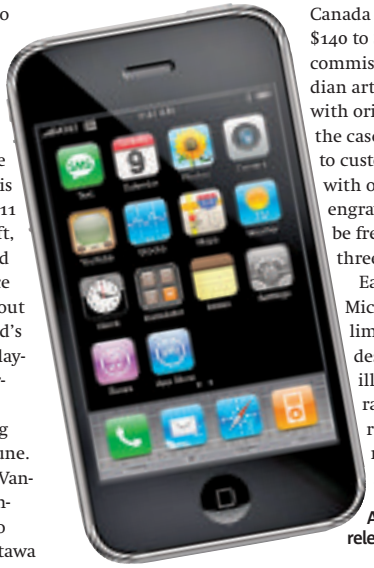
One thing you have to realize is the big tech companies really don't care about the Canadian market.

Take for example the iPhone. More than a year after its original release, it's finally coming to Canada and 21 other nations on July 11. And tomorrow, the Microsoft Zune makes its official arrival in Canada, almost two years after its release.

It's a good thing there's Internet shopping, or quick trips across the border if you really want to buy something NOW!

The Zune is a product that wants to take on the iPod. Well, good luck. Sales figures tell the tale. In the first four months of this year Apple sold nearly 11 million iPods. Microsoft, by comparison, has sold two million Zunes since its launch. iPod has about 73 per cent of the world's market for MP3-style players. Microsoft must certainly like a challenge.

Microsoft is spending millions to hype the Zune. Parties are planned in Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Toronto and Halifax. I guess Ottawa as one of Canada's premiere cities for testing out new consumer technology just doesn't rate.



Apple's iPhone is coming to Canada a year after it was released in the United States.

The Zune price in Canada will range from $140 to $250. Microsoft commissioned six Canadian artists to come up with original designs for the case and if you want to customize your unit with one of the designs engraved on it, that will be free for the first three months of sales.

Earlier this month, Microsoft announced a limited edition Zune designed by Peter Saville and commemorating the DVD release of the documentary "Joy Division". There is a special price tag of $400.

The official site is *www.zune.net*. If you check out blogs and websites there are fans of the Zune who like its big video screen and its basic design but many of them admit they don't like the limitations put on the device by Microsoft, and so there are hacks and work-arounds to get the device to do what you really want.

Experts say the Zune has just been too slow at bringing new features forward, it seems to be forever following the iPod. And Microsoft may want to watch out for the Archos device — a portable movie, music, and photo viewer — which has been turning heads. The latest version of the French-made machine has been racking up favourable reviews all over the web.

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Hate those grainy cell phone or digital camera videos? Well, this site allows you to upload a movie, have it upgraded and then you can post it. It's free in the Beta test format.

This Sunday one of the stories on TECH NOW will be a look at Ottawa's first crop of students trained in video game design.

And don't forget to check our website *www.ctvottawa.ca*.

Paul Brent hosts Tech Now every Sunday on CTV Ottawa's News at 6 p.m. Tech Now looks at the Capital's technology sector.

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Topping off your toilet with a bidet

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BRONDELL PHOTO

Toilet seat-type bidets, like this Brondell Swash 800, are a good way to save space in a bathroom.

The design team discussed the curious but highly practical bidet a month ago — and there were a lot of questions and a lot of interest.

We hope this column clarifies some of your questions. There are different kinds of bidets — we discussed the elegant stand-alone unit, which requires extra space and plumbing and tends to be regarded as "high end". But many people without room or the desire to redo the plumbing in their bathrooms asked us about the toilet seat-type bidet. The toilet seat bidet is just what it sounds like — it is mounted on top of a conventional toilet like a larger-than-usual toilet seat. And it does exactly what a bidet is supposed to do — it cleans your posterior parts with soothing water (rather than subjecting them to the repeated and sometimes irritating scrubs with toilet paper or washcloths).

We've got to admit this — from a design point of view, we don't like a toilet-top bidet that looks too bulky and too "high-tech". Please keep sleek and streamlined in mind — the last thing you want in a bathroom is a complicated and overly technical-looking piece of equipment, especially on a toilet.

That being said, we cannot deny that the toilet-seat bidet has unbeatable practical advantages. For instance, it takes virtually no room. Once installed, it simply makes the existing toilet a little taller in the back. And it hooks up to the existing toilet, so not much extra plumbing is involved. In addition, the toilet seat bidets are easy to install and come off easily for cleaning. How persuasive is that?

The bidet toilet seat also has the advantage of being used in the same way a toilet is used — users sit on the toilet in the usual way and operate controls to turn on a water spray. So users with limited mobility may find the toilet-top bidet easier to use than a stand-alone unit, since they do not have to move themselves from the toilet, face the wall, and straddle the stand-alone — a task that takes considerable physical dexterity.

"There is no squatting (with a toilet-top bidet)— easier for those with sore knees," notes Rita Van Dyke, sales consultant with Burnaby-based BC Plumbing.

The other amazing thing about the toilet seat bidet is the frankly astonishing range of features that are available — and these can range from necessary to quite luxurious. With a remote control, you can control water temperature and intensity, but you can also choose pulsating sprays, decide on various directional (front or rear cleansing) or massaging sprays, blow-drying, whether or not you would like a heated seat — all wonderful possibilities.

And to reassure you in case you had worries about hygiene, the water sprayed at your bottom from a toilet-seat bidet comes out of a small retractable hose which tucks back into the unit after the spraying is complete. The hose end does not touch any surfaces or body parts. (All the same, it should be cleaned once a month or so, by gently pulling it out of its housing, and brushing it with a soft brush, says Van Dyke.)

Tammy Schnurr and Jeffrey Fisher are hosts of Arresting Design on W Network.

IKEA offers more bed options

This month, IKEA will be changing their entire range of quilts and pillows as well as introducing a whole new range of advanced foam and latex mattresses in addition to the existing range of spring mattresses.

IKEA has worked in close collaboration with doctors and researchers to identify exactly how people sleep and what qualities will give them the ultimate in comfort, resulting in a whole new way of looking at sleep comfort.

"The health benefits associated with a good night's sleep are undeniable and the key to a good night's sleep is comfort." says Madeleine Löwenborg-Frick, Public Relations Manager, IKEA Canada.

"Over the last three years, IKEA has made a large investment in mattresses, more than doubling the range, ensuring that we offer our customers a quality range of mattresses to suit their individual sleep preferences." METRO NEWS SERVICE

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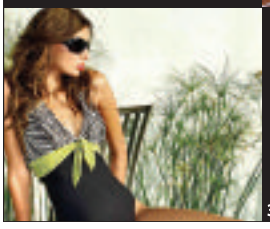
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Condos strong but housing starts down

Builders blame economic uncertainty

Developers are seeing fewer people at their model homes and the Ontario Home Builders' Association said yesterday that the province's uncertain economic prospects are likely to blame.

"The general economic slowdown and declining consumer confidence in Ontario is starting to be felt by home builders, who are reporting slower traffic," OHBA president Mark Basciano said yesterday.

"If consumers aren't confident about their jobs or their investments they aren't likely to be looking to purchase a new home."

While Canadian housing starts were up by 3.5 per cent nationally to a seasonally adjusted and annualized 221,300 units, Ontario was the lone province that saw a decline in May, according to figures released by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. yesterday.

Starts slipped by 7.4 per cent to a seasonally adjusted 67,600 units.

"A slowing economy, rising mortgage carrying costs and more balanced resale markets will dampen the pace of new home construction through 2008," CMHC economist Ted Tsiakopoulos said.

drastic difference

» U.S. housing starts were down 29 per cent in the first five months of 2008, compared with 0.7 per cent in Canada.

In the Toronto area, which accounts for more than half the provincial total, starts were down 3.3 per cent to 36,800 units.

The downswing was mostly due to a decline in the more expensive single detached home starts, the CMHC said.

"Rising house prices continue to shift demand away from single detached homes towards less expensive condominum apartments," said CMHC senior market analyst Dana Senagama.

Thanks to record sales of condominiums in 2007, housing starts are still up by 33 per cent on an unadjusted year-to-date basis in the Toronto area.

A solid gain of 24 per cent for building permits in the Toronto area for April attributable to condominium sales should also ensure starts for highrise buildings remain strong this year.

« We are cautiously optimistic for the remainder of 2008, however 2009 and 2010 will be a concern for home builders if the overall provincial economy doesn't show signs of improvement. »

OHBA president Mark Basciano

"A backlog of apartment sales commencing construction will keep starts elevated this year," said Tsiakopoulos. But those numbers are being tempered by a slowdown in the detached home segment — which most buyers have traditionally preferred. Last year, for the first time, condominiums edged out houses for a greater than 50 per cent share of the Toronto new home market.

Builders don't sound worried about housing starts for this year, but the next year appears less certain.

"We are cautiously optimistic for the remainder of 2008, however 2009 and 2010 will be a concern for home builders if the overall provincial economy doesn't show signs of improvement," Basciano said.

Manufacturing in Ontario has been hit hard, especially the auto industry.

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Rising house prices continue to shift demand away from single detached homes towards less expensive condominum apartments, says CMHC senior market analyst Dana Senagama.

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A 'season to taste'

By **BARB HOLLAND**
Metro Food Writer

Asparagus season is short, usually just 4 to 6 weeks, depending on weather and locale. So pick up the last of local asparagus and grill it up with salmon, potatoes and pepper and toss with greens for a lovely warm weather dinner. Serve this recipe with some great bread and glass of chilled white wine.

Roasting and grilling concentrate the flavour of most foods, particularly vegetables that are often cooked in water, such as asparagus.

Grilled Asparagus, Salmon and Potato Salad

INGREDIENTS:
1 lb (500 g) fresh local asparagus (1 bunch)
8 – 12 small potatoes, about 12 oz (375 g)
1 yellow pepper, quartered
Extra virgin olive oil
Salt and pepper
12 oz (375 g) salmon fillet
8 cups (2 L) mixed salad greens

Honey Tarragon Dressing

INGREDIENTS:
1 tbsp (15 mL) Dijon mustard
1 tbsp (15 mL) honey
2 tbsp (25 mL) white wine vinegar
1 tbsp (15 mL) fresh lemon juice
1 tsp (5 mL) dried tarragon leaves
½ tsp (2 mL) salt
¼ tsp (1 mL) pepper
1/3 cup (75 mL) olive or vegetable oil

PREPARATION TIME: 15 minutes
GRILLING TIME: 30 minutes

Serves 4

METHOD: Make dressing: In small bowl, whisk mustard, honey, vinegar and lemon juice. Add tarragon, salt and pepper. Slowly whisk in oil. Re-whisk just before serving, store any leftover in sealed jar in refrigerator. Makes about 2/3 cup (150 mL).

Brush salmon with 1 tbsp (15 mL) dressing while preparing remaining ingredients and preheating barbecue. Place greens in a large salad bowl. Wash asparagus well, snap off ends. Scrub potatoes. Toss asparagus, potatoes and yellow pepper with a little olive oil and season lightly with salt and pepper.

Grill asparagus, potatoes, pepper and salmon on preheated barbecue over medium-to-medium high heat until salmon is opaque and vegetables are done, 20 to 30 minutes. Remove items as they are cooked.

Slice salmon, asparagus and pepper into bite size pieces. Cut potatoes in half or quarters, depending on size. Add all to salad greens; add a small amount of dressing and toss well. Serve immediately.

TIP #1: A flat grill with holes simplifies grilling fish and a grill basket is good for small vegetables such as small potatoes.

TIP #2: Refrigerate remaining dressing.

Asparagus Tips:

- Look for firm, straight spears with deep green or purple tips that are compact and tightly closed. The stem ends should be moist and green, not grey, cracked or dry.
- Skinny, medium or large, the size isn't the issue, but try to pick similar size spears for even cooking. Medium to large are better for the grill.
- The fresher the better, asparagus is best cooked the day you buy it. To store any longer, cut 1 inch (2.5 cm) or so off the ends and wrap the ends in wet paper towel and store in plastic bag; or store like flowers, upright in 1 inch (2.5 cm) of water in a container and cover with plastic.
- Grit and sand can wedge itself in the tightly compacted tips, so wash well, lightly scrubbing the tips. Break off asparagus stems where they snap easily, composting the ends.
- Roasting and grilling concentrate the flavour of most foods, particularly vegetable that are often cooked in water, such as asparagus. Toss in a little oil, season to taste and grill over a high to medium-high heat until tender-crisp but bright green. For doneness, go by looks and texture rather than time.

Nutritional Info

1 Serving

Protein:	23 grams
Fat:	15 grams
Carbohydrates:	28 grams
Calories:	343

Asparagus is a good source of fibre.

just a bite

Prosciutto provides a touch of saltiness and crisp contrast to this tender, grilled asparagus.

Grilled Prosciutto and Asparagus Bundles

SERVES 6 Wash 36 spears of fresh Ontario Asparagus well; snap off ends. Dry and toss with oil and season with pepper. Devide asparagus into 12 bundles of 3 spears each; wrap each bundle of 3 with 1 piece of prosciutto.

Place bundles on greased grill over medium to medium-high heat; grill until asparagus is bright green and tender and prosciutto is crisp, about 5 minutes.

Serve bundles warm with a drizzle of garlicky Caesar dressing. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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The benign fresh green delicacy

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According to the National Cancer Institute, it is the highest tested food containing the antioxidant glutathione, which is one of the body's most potent cancer fighters. METRO NEWS SERVICES

entertainment

Katherine Heigl, left, will star in and produce the movie adaptation of Escape, Carolyn Jessop's memoir about living in a polygamist sect. EW.COM

new story

Apocalypse is now for Rogen

Rogen

MOVIES Can the end of the world be funny? Mandate Pictures thinks so, and it's turning an Internet trailer that writer/actor Seth Rogen and his pals did on the subject into a feature film.

Jay and Seth vs. the Apocalypse will be written by Rogen and his writing partner, Evan Goldberg, and will star Rogen and Jay Baruchel.

new series

Gossip Girl makers consider spinoff

TV The makers of Gossip Girl are planning a spinoff series set at a girls' boarding school.

Producers are hoping to expand the popular CW show either by giving co-star Taylor Momsen her own series or by introducing a new character in the fall who is later spun off. Regardless of which actor is used as the centre of the new show, the story would likely draw on the arc of Momsen's character, Jenny Humphrey. REUTERS

Wipe that smile away

Singer-songwriter Aimee Mann drops seventh solo disc

By **ANN-MARIE COLACINO** for Metro Ottawa

With her seventh solo album recently released and two decades of success behind her, including an Oscar nod, singer/songwriter Aimee Mann has a lot to smile about.

Just don't ask her to.

She makes it clear she despises this type of request in her new album title @#%&*! Smilers, which audiences are expected to insert their own curse word into. It's pointed at a phrase Mann and a friend coined to describe people who feel the need to tell others to be more… well, smiley.

The characters in Mann's 13-song pop collection would likely share this sentiment. They include a drug addict, a has-been, an insecure artist and a host of other troubled personalities.

"I think it's a mix of both (real and fictional characters)… there's definitely songs about people I know, but a lot of it is fictional," says Mann about Smilers, released on her own SuperEgos label.

@#%&*! Smilers, the latest album from Aimee Mann, was released last week.

Highly praised for her lyrics (characters and situations in the 1999 movie Magnolia were written based on her songs), Mann's carefully crafted storytelling is often confessional and/or cautionary.

"(Songwriting) is good for the kinds of things that you can't really talk to anybody about and you can barely sort of even explain to yourself. It's a way for your subconscious to kind of communicate with your self," explained the youthful-looking 47-year-old during a recent interview.

In synth-pop opener Freeway, the former 'Til Tuesday front woman documents the struggles of a drug-addicted friend.

"I think everybody struggles with obsession to a certain extent because I think it's a mechanism by which people make themselves feel better… It gives you the illusion of control and power."

And while the Los Angeles-based singer stays true to her soulful pop sound, Smilers differs from her other work in its lack of electric guitar. A decision she says was made during recording because "we just didn't need it."

Instead, Mann focuses on keyboard, acoustic guitar and synthesizers.

For instance, the last track, Ballantines, is an almost cabaret-sounding tune, albeit telling the disheartening story of a one-time hot shot now down on his luck.

"I dreamt that I wrote a song and I was listening to this song in my dream and at the end of every verse, it referenced a different beer… All I remember (was Ballantines beer) and I just thought that that was such a ridiculous idea that I thought I'd see if I could write something that had the flavour of that dream."

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Those dirty little Wet Secrets

Edmonton group blends zany lyrics with dance rock

By **BRIAN COULTON** for Metro Ottawa

A small, unsuspecting prairie town sits quiet. The clichéd tumbleweed rolls by. Suddenly, movement is seen in the distance. It's people — fifty of them. They're wearing marching band uniforms, promenading down the main strip in single file. Some play instruments, some wave flags and twirl batons while others pull little red wagons holding powered amps. But, before the town knows what's hit them, the procession has marched out the other side of town, boarded a bus and is gone.

That's The Wet Secrets' rock fantasy.

The Wet Secrets' album Rock Fantasy is characterized by a mix of humorous lyrics and energetic dance rock.

"That is really our fantasy: 'Guerrilla marching band strikes on unsuspecting small town'," envisions Trevor Anderson, vocalist and drummer for the Edmonton quintet.

Rock Fantasy is also the title of the band's sophomore album; an uproariously commanding record characterized by overtly humorous lyrics and vigorous dance-rock songs.

"We very happily — sometimes to our detriment — shout things that should be kept secret," he says. "There's a strange amount of innocence in it. It's not dark. It's maybe dirty but light. Dirty light — that's us."

They almost have to be light. Busy lives outside The Wet Secrets barely permit them time to focus too heavily on the band's development.

Kim Rackel on tuba and trumpet and Donna Ball on trombone run burlesque troupe, Capital City Burlesque. Lyle Bell does overtime in Shout Out Out Out Out and manages production of Edmonton's Vue Weekly. Keyboardist Doug Organ (check his birth certificate) produces and plays in a number of bands and Anderson doubles as a budding filmmaker.

"It's just hard to get the five of us in a room, let alone a city," says Anderson.

When asked if the band has longevity in them, Anderson jokes, "Oh, I doubt it! It was meant to be a one week prank and it has been pulling us along so far."

But, Anderson says The Wet Secrets are happy fatalists, optimistic about what's to come. "We know if it's meant to be, it will be. There's a certain amount of life that you just have no say in. The more you can embrace that, the more happy accidents can occur."

Is Lego Indiana Jones going to whip you into a frenzy? Is Hot Shots Golf: Open Tee 2 an ace or a bogey? Find out by reading the Game On column, exclusively at metronews.ca.

casting

Green to guest on My Name Is Earl

COMEDY Actor Seth Green will guest star on an episode of the NBC comedy My Name Is Earl, Reuters reports.

Green

Green will play Buddy Zaks, a former Make-a-Wish child whose wish to star in an action movie was ruined by Earl (Jason Lee).

In order to cross Buddy off his list of wrongs to right, Earl must produce Buddy's dream film.

art show

Duran Duran make Louvre history

MUSIC Duran Duran have become the first pop group to perform at the Louvre Museum in Paris, BBC News Online reports.

The museum opened its doors for the band — who performed in the famous Louvre Pyramid, designed by I.M. Pei.

The gig was organized as part of a fundraising effort for the 18th century Decorative Arts Gallery of the museum, which is due to re-open in 2011.

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»news In Brief

» **CASTING** Jamie Kennedy is joining the cast of the CBS drama Ghost Whisperer as a regular. Kennedy will play Eli, a graduate student in psychology. REUTERS

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Sex & The City shoes

Sex & The City stylist Patricia Field recently launched her new shoe line at Payless — all in metallic hues.

Patricia Field at Payless

SEX & THE CITY fans hungry for quirky-cool footwear will be keen to check out the fresh mini-collection by the show/film's stylist Patricia Field at **Payless**. Saucy round-toed pumps, strappy thongs, cigarette-heeled slides and sweet ballet flats (leaning deliberately on the more fashion-forward Carrie/Samantha aesthetic) — all in metallic hues — are yours starting at just $35 a pair. Best selection at the Queen West and Fairview Mall locations. For a preview visit: *www.payless.com.*

For the Boys (and the Dads)

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MARK'S WORK Wearhouse has all kinds of summer-weight button-down shirts, tees, sandals and shorts for men this season and right now a lot of these casual and office-friendly items are priced to move for Father's Day (Sunday June 15) starting at just $14.99. You'll also find quirky gifts such as the digital coin counter bank for the frugal dad ($22) and retro-cool K-Way jackets for sporty dads (now down to $29). While you're there, the spring/summer separates for ladies are also worth a gander — specifically, the well-cut capris and stylish cargo pants ($24 - 31), plus a selection of whisper-light tops tapered at the waist in bold fashion-forward hues (eg. electric blue, magenta) for $29. Sale ends Sunday! Visit: *www.marks.com.*

Bra deals

WITH SUMMER around the corner and all kinds of sexy back-baring tops tempting us all, it's time to consider an update for the ladies. **Triumph**, **Warner** and **WonderBra** all have convertible bras — some of which can be worn in 5 different ways for discreet support under almost any dress or halter top. And, right now, several styles from these lines and select other labels are part of the Buy 2, Get 1 Free deal. So, stock up on your faves or shop with a friend, and split the savings.

Reitmans frock watch

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115	343	16	CFMT	Two/Half Men	The Simpsons	News (N)		Vivere Il	News (N)	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Metropia
218	345	18	CH	The Insider (N)	E! News	Smarter Than a 5th Grader?		To Be Announced		Fear Itself "Spooked"		News (N)
-	361	20	ABC	News (N)	Entertainment	Jimmy Kimmel	NBA Count	NBA Basketball Finals Game 4 -- Boston Celtics at Los Angeles Lakers.				
512	396	24	CPAC	Revue Politique		L'Heure politique		La Période de questions		Revue Politique		Heure polit.
651	355	25	CTS	Full House	Facts of Life	Michael Coren Show		100 Huntley Street		Life Today	This Is Day	John Hagee
-	365	36	FOX	TMZ (N)	Seinfeld	Smarter Than a 5th Grader?		So You Think You Can Dance		News (N)		News
-	-	64	PBS	Business Rpt.	Equitrekking	Yes, Minister	Time Goes By	Monarch of the Glen		Ruth Rendell Mysteries		Tavis Smiley
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news

502	390	26	NW	News (N)	Newman	The Hour		CBC News: The National		The Nature of Things		National
500	500	33	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight		CNN Election Center		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)		

sports

406	417	27	net	MLB Baseball Baltimore Orioles at Boston Red Sox. From Fenway Park in Boston. (Live)						Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Sportsnet Con.
126	730	28	RDI	Dominique Poirier en direct		Grands reportages (SC)		Le Téléjournal (SC)		Le Club des ex	Le National	Le Téléjournal
400	280	30	TSN	Golf U.S. Open Championship -- First Round.				NBA Basketball Finals Game 4 -- Boston Celtics at Los Angeles Lakers.				
410	403	52	SCR	Score Update	Cabby Unlimit	Poker Aussie Millions		Canadian Open Poker Champ.		Score Tonight		The Spin
411	457	56	OLN	Exploration	Videos	Everest: Man	Jet Set	Mark Williams' Big Bangs		Don't Forget Your Passport		Pilot Guides
417	406	59	SC	Pinks (HDTV)	Pass Time	Monster Jam (N)		Pinks -- All Out		Low Life	Low Life	Pinks (HDTV)

family

554	544	48	TEL	George-Jungle	Scooby-Doo	Scooby-Doo	6teen	Total Drama	Futurama	The Mask ★★★ (1994, Comedy) Jim Carrey.		
557	540	51	FAM	That's-Raven	Smart Guy	Zack & Cody	Natural-Sadie	Han. Montana	Life Derek	Ned's School	Cory in House	Zack & Cody
551	542	65	YTV	Malcolm-Mid.	Prank Patrol	Fries That?	Futurama	Prank Patrol	Mystery Hnt.	Falcon Beach		Mystery Hnt.

cable variety

570	580	29	MM	mmmtop	Back In	Heart: Live at the Orpheum Theater (N)				Popaganda		Listed
615	520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		The First 48 (HDTV)		The First 48 (HDTV)		Crime 360 (N)		The First 48
628	584	32	SPKE	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		TNA iMPACT! (N)				Ult. Fighter
521	560	34	TLC	Rides Checkered taxi.		Overhaulin' (HDTV) (N)		American Chopper (HDTV) (N)		Miami Ink "Dre's Stylin'"		Amer. Chopper
145	761	35	TV5	Toute une histoire		Envoyé spécial			Aux frontières de la Chine		Design	Journal TV5
616	521	39	SHO	ReGenesis (HDTV)		Intelligence (DVS)		G-Spot	Exes & Ohs	The Shield		House
620	523	40	BVO	From the Spirit	In the Mind ...	Lives-Stories	The Russia House ★★★ (1990, Drama) Sean Connery, Michelle Pfeiffer.					Law & Order
520	505	42	DIS	Daily Planet (N)		Dirty Jobs Highlights, unseen clips and bloopers.				MythBusters		Daily Planet
575	583	43	CMT	(6) CMT's Ultimate		Beyond Chance		Reba	Hope & Faith	Home Improve.	Roseanne	Dedicated
601	562	45	SLC	Women on Top	Til Debt-Part	Rich Bride, Poor Bride		Last 10	Bulging Brides	Biggest Loser Australia		Rich Poor
625	548	46	COM	Air Farce	22 Minutes	Laughs	Rick Mercer	The Simpsons	South Park	VIP	Jon Dore Show	Daily Show
294	529	47	TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	Heartbreakers ★★ (2001, Comedy) Sigourney Weaver, Ray Liotta.					Frasier	Seinfeld
600	564	49	H&G	House Hunters	Buy Me	Holmes on Homes		Disaster DIY	The Big Flip	Handyman Superstar		Holmes-Homes
627	528	50	SPC	Stargate SG-1		Star Trek: Voyager		Star Trek: Next Gener.		Night Stalker "Into Night"		Stargate SG-1
581	566	53	MTV	MTV Screen	Cribs	4REAL	MTV Screen	The Real World		Made "Boxer"		MTV Live
618	524	54	TROP	Inside Hollywood (DVS)		ET Canada	What Happen?	Family Guy	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier	Family Guy
522	506	55	HIS	NCIS		Ireland's Nazis		Daring to Die		NCIS		Crime Stories
129	773	60	CD	Biographies "Sylvie Fréchette"		Mon Oeil (HDTV)		Vidéo patrouille		Histoires de crimes		99 histoire
261	394	61	V	Murder, She Wrote		May-December	Keeping Up	Robin Hood: Men in Tights ★★ (1993, Comedy)				Emily-Moon
602	567	62	W	Will & Grace	Friends	Divine Design	House	Confidential	Save Us-House	Wasted	Save Us-House	House
269	350	70	APTN	Raven Tales	From the Spirit	Canadian Geographic		Club Native Aboriginal identity.		The Mix	Cowboy C'try	Sharing Circle
621	527	71	TLK	Look-A-Like	Hollywood	TMZ (N)	eTalk	Scott Baio, 45	Scott Baio, 45	The Tonight Show-Jay Leno		eTalk
603	561	95	FN	Boy Grill	Licence to Grill	Restaurant Makeover		Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Secret Life of	Secret Life of	Ace of Cakes

critics'corner

Hope & Faith

Hope and Faith's (Kelly Ripa, Faith Ford) father is portrayed by veteran actor Robert Wagner in "Phone Home for the Holidays." Known for playing the field socially, and usually with much-younger women, Dad surprises his daughters by bringing an age-appropriate girlfriend (guest star Lynda Carter) with him for Thanksgiving. The sisters are even more surprised when the new flame confesses a secret. 9:30 PM on 43 CMT

My Name Is Earl

Earl needs a girl! Not just any girl, though. In "Love Octagon," Earl (Jason Lee) awakens from his coma firm in the belief that he and Billie (Alyssa Milano) are meant to be together. Now all he has to do is locate her. With the trailer still out of commission, Joy and Darnell (Jaime Pressly, Eddie Steeples) take up residence in the Crab Shack. 8 PM on 9 NBC 3 GTV

celebritybuzz

Wedding's off: Report

Jamie Lynn Spears' baby joy may have turned sour because her wedding to Casey Aldridge is off, starmagazine.com reports.

The pregnant teenager has called off her wedding to the father of her baby.

Ever since the Zoey 101 star announced she's pregnant, her mom, Lynne Spears, has reportedly been pushing her to marry Aldridge.

While it seems like Jamie Lynn has been trying her best to do the right thing, insiders have told Star that the tension between the couple has become so intense that it's doubtful they will ever exchange vows.

"Jamie Lynn and Casey have been fighting non-stop about everything, from what to name the baby to what to eat for dinner," a source told Star. "And now she's called off their wedding plans."

Despite reports that the couple bought a house near Jamie Lynn's hometown of Kentwood, La., 17-year-old Jamie Lynn has reportedly moved back into the Spears' family estate – and her dad, Jamie Spears, has flown from pop star sister Britney's side in Los Angeles to be there for his younger daughter.

"They've been busy decorating the baby nursery," an insider revealed.

Aldridge, 19, is "in and out," the second insider says of the current status of the couple's relationship.

Metro News Services

Salma may wed this summer

Actress Salma Hayek and her businessman fiancé Francois-Henri Pinault are planning to wed in St. Tropez later this summer, imdb.com reports French media as saying.

The couple became new parents last year when their daughter Valentina Paloma was born and now Hayek has reportedly started looking for a wedding gown.

Influmedia.com reports that Hayek has happily agreed to marry the millionaire.

The couple met in April 2006 but their romance only became public in 2007.

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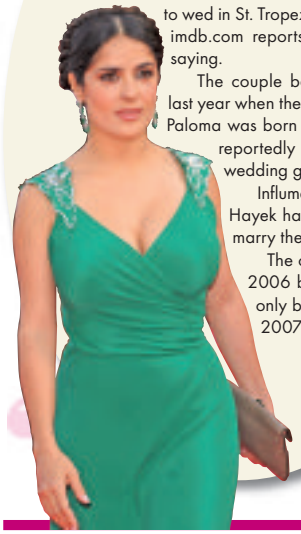

Mark drops 'wife' word

Actor Mark Wahlberg and model Rhea Durham have been together for years – and are parents to daughter Ella, 4, and son Michael, 2, People.com reports.

Now, as the couple expects baby No. 3, are they ready to walk down the aisle?

They haven't announced an engagement, but Wahlberg did call Durham his "future wife" recently, at the New York premiere of his new film, The Happening, when discussing his 37th birthday on June 5.

"I had a beautiful day with my kids and my future wife," he said. "We went to brunch."

As for the impending arrival, Wahlberg revealed they're having a son, and that Durham, 29, is due in September. "We're thrilled!"

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Madonna denies divorce

Pop star Madonna is not divorcing her husband, filmmaker Guy Ritchie, the New York Daily News reports her rep as having said.

A blog claimed earlier this week that Madonna had hired top matrimonial lawyer Nicholas Mostyn, the attorney who represented former Beatle Paul McCartney in his divorce from Heather Mills.

Madonna's spokeswoman, Liz Rosenberg, said otherwise.

"All's good. They're very happy," Rosenberg said.

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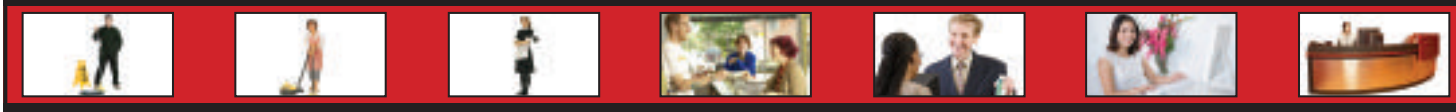

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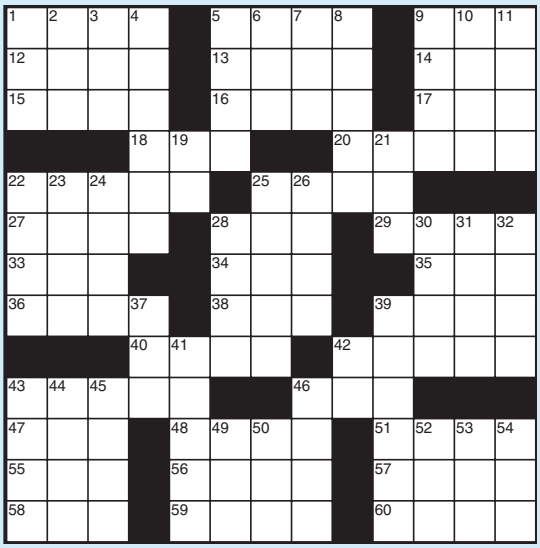

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6 Rifle range command
7 Flatfoot
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10 Ranch measure
11 Mellow fruit
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21 Countdown number
22 What red means
23 Earring part
24 Lyric poems
25 Amps' cousins
26 Pitch-dark
28 Quip
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17 Monastery dweller
18 Wear and tear
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34 Wapiti
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36 Tijuana dollar
38 Shoat's home
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40 Blubber and suet
42 More spacious
43 Word processor choices
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previous answer

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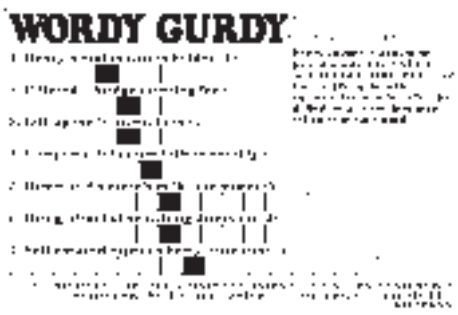

HOROSCOPE

ARIES | March 21-April 20
A forced move is now acceptable. Don't jump to conclusions, and avoid meddling. Uncertainty crops up concerning a romantic fantasy.

TAURUS | April 21-May 21
A bubbly female sees an ironic twist of fate. A convenient illness brings release from anxiety. Stock markets are behaving oddly.

GEMINI | May 22-June 21
Someone you care for will guide you in love. Gratitude will improve your chance of success. You'll have to buff up your skills.

CANCER | June 22-July 22
A weary man faces a series of misfortunes. A pet will give you comfort. A lack of attention will stand out.

LEO | July 23-Aug. 23
Pride raises its inflamed head. A woman finally gets what she paid for. Being too serious may cause some funny teasing.

VIRGO | Aug. 24-Sept. 22
Keep in touch with someone who's in the wrong. Take a break from your routine. A senior misses your contribution.

LIBRA | Sep. 23-Oct. 23
A fearless friend will perform tricks. A disgusted woman is outrageous, but don't say so. A punitive person influences a conscience.

SCORPIO | Oct. 24- Nov. 22
A woman wants to talk about having fun. Don't battle against a man's generosity. Making an effort will let you stash extra money.

SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 23- Dec. 21
A blonde's novel approach changes responses. Nutrition assumes greater importance. Comments are made about an accuser.

CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Keep a tight grip on your spending. There's a failure to connect with a loved one. Confusion wastes time and causes despair.

AQUARIUS | Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Wacky reactions will get stale fast. A change of location will benefit you. A strange voice is heard in an unusual place.

PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20
Ask a few questions about fun-filled activities. Noise causes some harsh words. Don't hurt a timid person's earnest heart.

AVATAR VENUS

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instructions

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

solve time

Under 13 minutes	Genius
13-17 minutes	Scholar
17-21	Smart
21-25	Pretty good
More than 25	Keep practising

previous answer

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This Day IN HISTORY

June 12, 1942: Holocaust: Future essayist Anne Frank receives a diary for her 13th birthday.

June 12, 1964: Anti-apartheid activist Nelson Mandela is sentenced to life in prison for sabotage in South Africa.

June 12, 1967: The U.S. Supreme Court declares laws against interracial marriage unconstitutional.

June 12, 1994: Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman are murdered. O.J. Simpson is later acquitted of the killings.

SOURCE: imdb.com

Ottawa weather

The Weather Network
theweathernetwork.com

Afternoon	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Sunny. 23°	Variable. 15°	Variable. 28°/ 20°	Rain. 60% 28°/ 14°	Partly cloudy. 24°/ 14°

Temperature
Normals
High: 23.6°
Low: 12°

Records
High: 33.4°/1988
Low: 2.7°/1980

Sunrise: 5:14 a.m.
Sunset: 8:51 p.m.
Moonset: 1:39 a.m.
Moonrise: 3:18 p.m.

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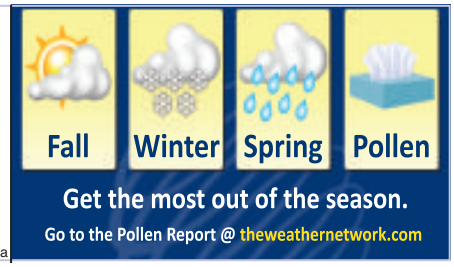

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